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In re application of

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Examiner: Nabil Z. HINDI

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For: DISC PLAYER CAPABLE OF REPRODUCING A PARTIALLY RECORDED DISC

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

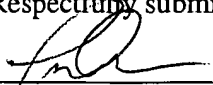
In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2004 in which the Examiner has required an election of species, Applicants respond by electing Species II, claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32-52, 54-56, and 58-61. Applicants traverse the Examiner's indication that no claims are generic, as at least claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32, 33, 52, 55, 56 and 59-61 are submitted to be generic.

Applicants note that the March 5, 2004 Office Action is identical to the October 27, 2003 Office Action, to which Applicants responded on December 29, 2003 in the same manner as above. Accordingly, the delay caused by issuance of two identical Actions should be attributable to the USPTO during any calculation of patent term adjustment.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

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